

A+ STRATEGIES

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Presumptive Eligibility for Infants and
Children and Other Activities to Engage
Schools



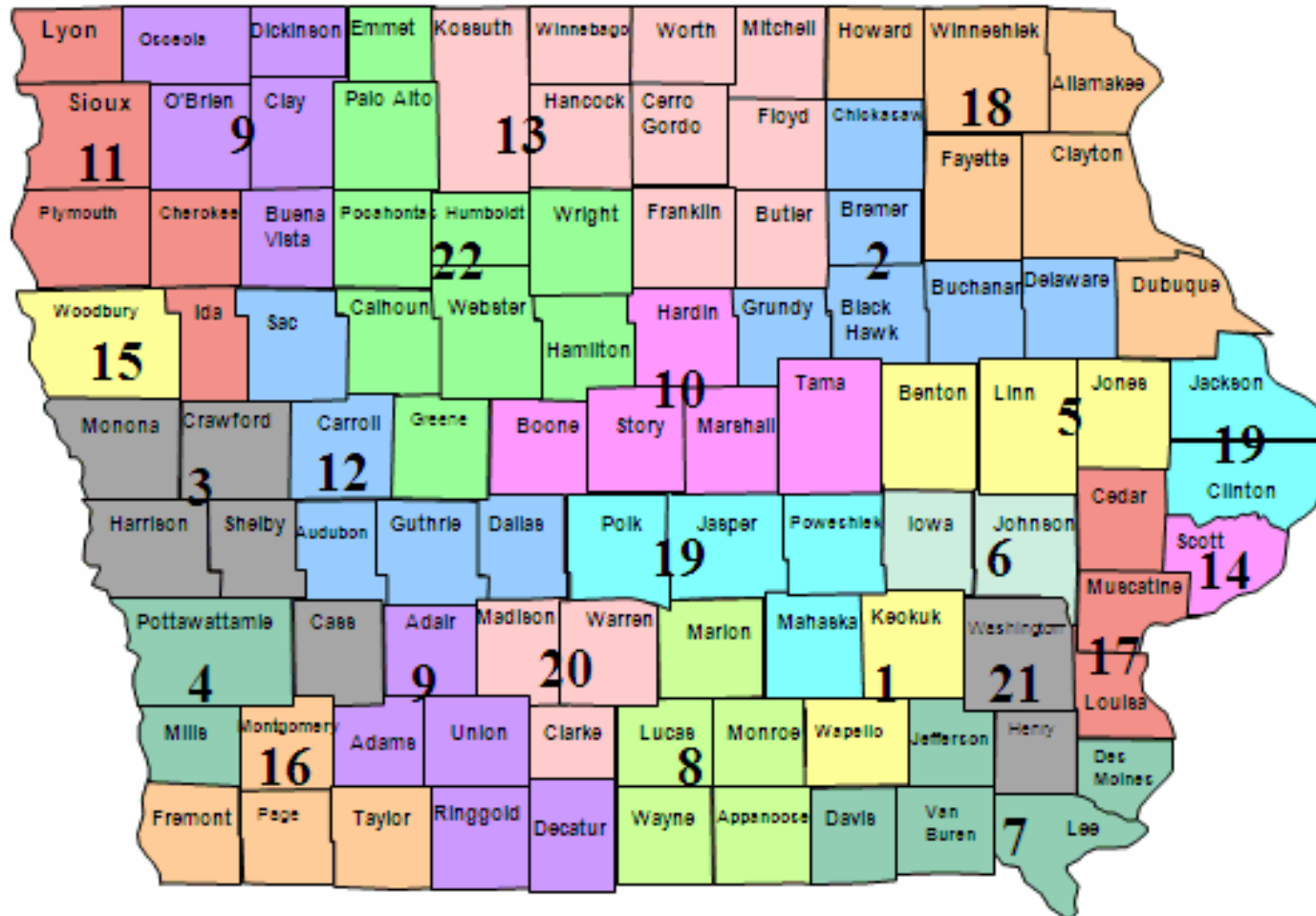
Free or Low Cost Health Care Coverage for Uninsured Children

Iowa Department of Public Health

- DHS contracts with Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to provide localized hawk-i outreach
- 23 hawk-i coordinators
 - Distribute information to healthcare providers, faith community & schools
 - Display at community events and business
 - Assist families with completing applications

Outreach Coordinators

Location of Child and Adolescent Health Services



PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN

A Guide for Qualified Entities (QE)



Medicaid Enterprise

What is Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Children?

- Allows children to obtain Medicaid covered services while a formal Medicaid eligibility is being determined by the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Presumptive eligibility is based on the family's statements on the application regarding circumstances and income.
- DHS may request additional information or documentation to determine ongoing Iowa Medicaid coverage.

What is a Qualified Entity (QE)?

A Qualified Entity (QE) is an individual who is certified by DHS and authorized to make presumptive eligibility determinations.

- QE's must be Medicaid Providers or employees of Medicaid Providers

Who can become a QE?

- Iowa Medicaid Hospitals and Physicians
- ARNP's
- Rural Health Clinics
- Local Education Agencies (School Nurses)
- Maternal Health Centers
- FQHC's
- Family Planning Centers
- Child Health Screening Centers
- Area Education Agencies
- Early Access Service Coordinators
- Indian Health Service Providers

Who can be a QE?

School Nurses!!



How it works....



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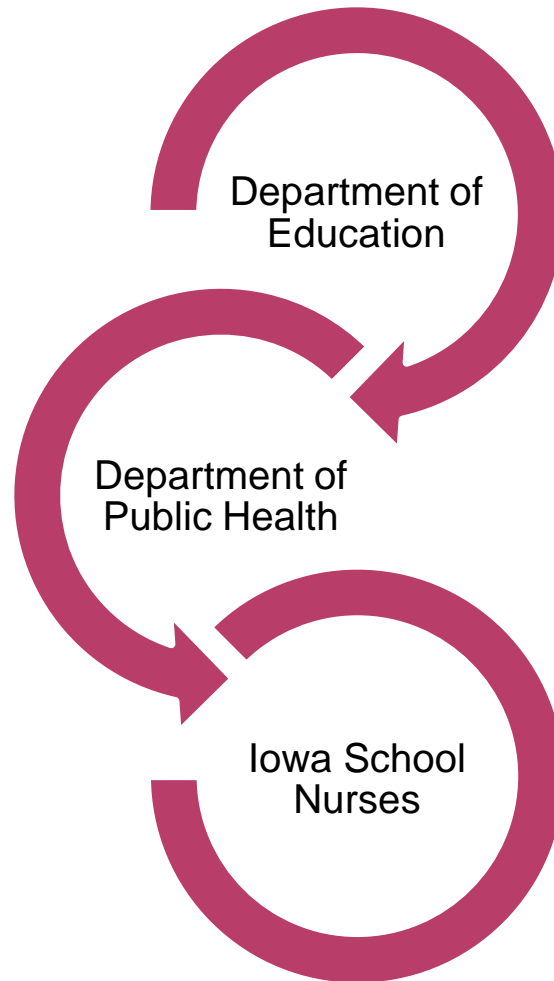


What else works in Iowa?

- Engaging with the school nurse
- Collaboration with the school guidance counselor
- Identify a “champion” in the school district

State Level Activities

Presumptive
Eligibility
Presentations



Iowa School
Nurse Listserv

State Level Activities

- Free and Reduced Lunch programs in the schools
 - Public LEAs are required to report to hawk-i and Medicaid information about households in the district who are participating in the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program. Non Public LEAs are encouraged to report.
- Collaboration with the Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems

Local level activities

- Stationed at school registrations
- Summer camps/ sports health packets
- Alternative schools
- Kindergarten Round-Ups
- School health fairs
- Partnering with Oral Health school sealant programs
- Sports rosters and theater/band program inserts
 - Freebies!!
- Coloring contests for elementary students
- Homecoming parades/festivities

Local Level Activities

- “On a monthly basis, the outreach coordinator mails information regarding the ‘hawk-i Dental Only’ plan to all school sealant families who document ‘self-pay’ for dental care.”
- “I receive most of my referrals from school nurses and counselors, so it is vital for them to have the most updated income and contact information for hawk-i and Presumptive Eligibility”.

Testimony

- “The most successful outreach activity for me has been meeting with the school nurses face-to-face. I think when they see a face they begin to realize how important this issue is and they really start to understand hawk-i. It becomes more of a ‘team’ effort after they realize that we are just like them....just trying to help kids!”
- “ I attend events that target parents such as conferences, resource fairs, etc. It is absolutely key to connect with school nurses at staff meetings, training, etc.
- “ Publish a short article in the school’s monthly newsletter via the school nurse.”

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